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West Valley City Mayor Mike Winder Discusses Stimulus Package with Vice President Joe Biden

West Valley City – During a conference call this afternoon, West Valley City Mayor Mike Winder joined colleagues from across the country in a discussion with Vice President Joe Biden regarding local governments' reactions to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Biden and Winder were joined on the call by Mayor Kasim Reed of Atlanta, Georgia; Mayor Don Plusquellic of Akron, Ohio; Mayor Dave Beiter of Boise, Idaho; County Executive Scott Vanderhoef of Rockland County, New York; and County Commission Chair John Eaves of Fulton County, Georgia.

The 90-minute call was an intimate opportunity for Mayor Winder and his colleagues to talk frankly with the Vice President about the stimulus package.

"While thanking him for the projects funded in West Valley City, I also shared with him our area's deep concern about the enormous growth in federal spending," said Winder. "I told him that Utahns rank federal spending as their top concern right now, with 66% saying they are very concerned about it."

The Vice President addressed this issue, and was pleased to hear that West Valley City was benefitting from nine new police officers and more than one million dollars in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants. West Valley City residents will see a direct result of that piece of the stimulus when the City turns on new LED street lights along 3500 South on Tuesday, April 13.

"Whether you agree with the stimulus program or not, as a mayor I am making sure our city taps what funds it can, and that we are using them as wisely as possible," said Winder. "Even though the Vice President and I are from different political parties and have different views on federal spending issues, I applaud the way that this administration has reached out to local government leaders in an unprecedented way. I was proud that West Valley City had a seat at the table."

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